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Mar-Vell of the Kree — an alien soldier treated as a traitor by his own people — became the hero known on Earth as...

CAPTAIN MARVEL

After a long and storied career, Mar-Vell developed cancer and died in his own bed several years ago.

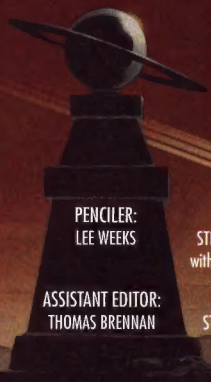
At least that's how history was supposed to play out...

After an accident in the Negative Zone, a portal in time opened, drawing Captain Marvel from the past — before his death — and depositing him in the present.

Fully aware of his impending death — and with no way to return to his own point in time — Mar-Vell went underground, living in Paris and spending his days in the Louvre, studying a painting of Alexander the Great.

This is where he was found by S.H.I.E.L.D. Agent Heather Sante, who had been tasked by Iron Man with locating Captain Marvel.

Suffering from amnesia he believed was brought on by the same accident that propelled him forward in time, Captain Marvel went to New York to see if Iron Man could help him find his way home. What he found instead was the attention of the entire planet Earth...



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THE QUESTION, CARL, IS NOT HOW IS HE BACK. IT'S NOT WHY IS HE ALIVE. THE QUESTION ISN'T EVEN WHETHER THIS IS REALLY CAPTAIN MARVEL-- WHICH I'VE HEARD SOME FOLKS BANDY ABOUT--
WELL THEN, GAIL-- WHAT IS THE QUESTION?
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Captain Marvel arrived on Earth initially as a representative of the Kree.

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HE'S BACK!

PRESUMED DEAD, ALIEN CAPTAIN MARVEL RETURNS!

by Bugle Staff Reporter Richard Amtower

NEW YORK – The world was stunned yesterday when the Kree-born super hero known as Captain Marvel appeared in midtown to save the Mighty Avengers' lives. The Mighty Avengers were engaged in battle with a robotic terrorist of unknown origin (see "Giant Robot Attack" on page A-17) and losing badly when the reportedly long-deceased Captain Marvel arrived in the nick of time.

The Mighty Avengers were quick to contain the scene, shuffling Captain Marvel away, while calling in a S.H.I.E.L.D. cleanup crew to surround the robot. Mighty Avengers leader Ms. Marvel said only "The Avengers will have a statement for you shortly." As of press time, no such statement was forthcoming.

CALLS TO S.H.I.E.L.D. REGISTRATION OFFICE YIELD NO ANSWERS

by Bugle Staff Reporter Maki Yamane

NEW YORK – Multiple attempts to contact New York's headquarters for Super Human Registration for comment on the return of Captain Marvel resulted in no official response from the S.H.I.E.L.D.-backed agency. At this time it is unknown if this Captain Marvel is the same Captain M reported to have died from cancer several years a it is a new would-be hero who donned the tights in the interest of gaining immediate recognition.

Anonymous sources working in the registration office say they have no records of a new Captain M but note some mysterious sealed files that seem date to Captain Marvel and the Negative Z was built to contain super powered crimi some people barely know as the "Sup

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MEET THE NEW MENACE. SAME AS THE OLD MENACE.

Editorial by J. Jonah Jameson

Dead used to mean dead, didn't it? Why is it that anyone who spends their days cavorting about in brightly colored underwear seems to get a free pass when it comes to beating the Grim Reaper at his own game? These costumed nincompoops spend their natural lives disregarding decency, and ignoring the laws of this great nation. Now they seem hell-bent on breaking the laws of nature as well! Well, I've had about enough of it. There's barely a week that goes by in this city that someone who used to be dead isn't, or someone we wish was dead refuses to be! I for one am letting my Congressman know that I have had enough of these shenanigans and I would hope that you fine readers would follow in my footsteps. If something isn't done soon, I might well have to take matters into my own hands and

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OFFICES OF THE NATIONAL PULSE.
DEADLINE'S WEDNESDAY FOR NEXT MONDAY'S PAPER. THAT'S TWO DAYS TO FIND A STORY PEOPLE WOULD ACTUALLY BUY THE PAPER FOR, NATHAN.
MISTER SMOLTZ--
IT'S DAN, I TOLD YA'S.
MISTER SMOLTZ...THERE'S A GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO TREAT A SUPER HERO LIKE A MESSIAH AND NOBODY CARES?
JEFFERSON, UNLESS THEM IDIOTS IS DOING SOMETHING MORE THAN DRESSING UP IN SILLY ROBES AND SPOUTING CRAZY TALK ON STREET CORNERS, NO--NOBODY CARES.
LEAST OF ALL ME, AND IT'S MY PAPER.
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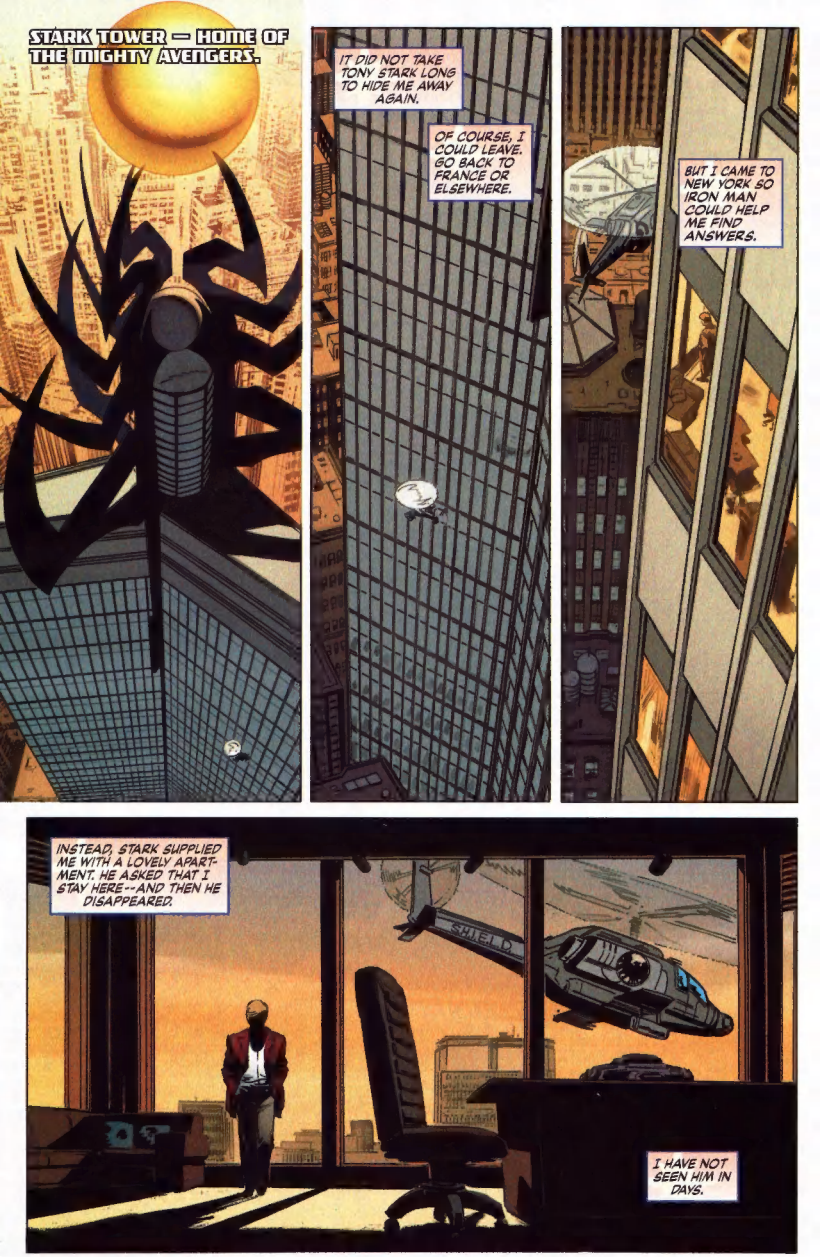
I STILL THINK "MOTHER STARR" IS WORTH TALKING TO.
NOBODY THAT RICH DOES ANYTHING UNLESS IT'S GOING TO DO SOMETHING FOR THEM.
I WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE CHURCH OF HALA IS DOING FOR HER.
THE ONLY PERSON ON THIS PLANET WORTH TALKING TO ABOUT CAPTAIN MARVEL IS CAPTAIN MARVEL.
AND AIN'T NOBODY GETTING TO HIM.
AIN'T NOBODY EVEN KNOWS WHERE HE IS.

I USED TO POSSESS COSMIC AWARENESS.
I HAD THE ABILITY TO LOOK INTO THE SOUL OF THE UNIVERSE AND KNOW ALL THE SECRETS IT HAD TO TELL.
BUT NOW MY COSMIC AWARENESS IS GONE. TAINTED SOMEHOW. LOST IN A BLAZE OF LIGHT.
WHENEVER I ATTEMPT TO TALK WITH THE COSMOS, THE VISIONS COME.
I CANNOT STOP THEM. WORSE STILL, I CANNOT MAKE SENSE OF THEM.
NYYYAAAHHH!
I CAME TO NEW YORK FOR HELP.
DAILY BUGLE
BUT COMING HERE HAS ACCOMPLISHED NOTHING.


STARK TOWER — HOME OF THE MIGHTY AVENGERS.
IT DID NOT TAKE TONY STARK LONG TO HIDE ME AWAY AGAIN.
OF COURSE, I COULD LEAVE. GO BACK TO FRANCE OR ELSEWHERE.
BUT I CAME TO NEW YORK SO IRON MAN COULD HELP ME FIND ANSWERS.
INSTEAD, STARK SUPPLIED ME WITH A LOVELY APARTMENT. HE ASKED THAT I STAY HERE--AND THEN HE DISAPPEARED.
SHIELD
I HAVE NOT SEEN HIM IN DAYS.

WHAT CAN I FIND FOR YOU, SIR?
WITH STARK SEARCH, THE ENTIRE SCOPE OF HUMANITY'S KNOWLEDGE IS AT YOUR DISPOSAL.
YOU KNOW WHAT I WANT TO SEE.
YES, SIR.
COMPUTER, CLOSE THE SHADES, PLEASE.
THERE IS SOMETHING I AM MEANT TO SEE...
SOMETHING...

SOMETHING RIGHT IN FRONT OF MY EYES. WHY CAN I NOT SEE IT?
WHY?!
PARDON ME, SIR. BUT YOU HAVE A VISITOR AND--
NO VISITORS!
--THE DOORBELL SYSTEM HAS NOTIFIED YOU BECAUSE SHE IS ONE OF THREE HUMANS YOU HAVE GIVEN A "PRIORITY ONE" STATUS.
CAROL?
CAROL!

HELICARRIER, THIS IS CAR 9-3, INBOUND FROM SOUTHWEST AT VECTOR ALPHA-6. REQUEST CLEARANCE FOR LANDING.
CAR 9-3, CLEARED FOR LANDING IN BAY 7-2.
DIRECTOR STARK HAS REQUESTED THAT AGENT SANTE IS TO PROCEED DIRECTLY TO GALACTIC TELEMETRY.
AFFIRMATIVE, HELICARRIER. CAR 9-3 OUT.
S.H.I.E.L.D.

DIRECTOR STARK.
WELCOME BACK TO THE UNITED STATES, AGENT SANTE.

GOOD TO SEE YOU BACK TO NORMAL AGE.
INTERESTING TO SEE YOU STILL IN YOUR ARMOR.
YOU SAID YOU WANTED ME STATESIDE AS LONG AS CAPTAIN MARVEL IS HERE. IS HE ON THE HELICARRIER TOO?

NO.

WE'LL GET TO HIM IN A MOMENT. FIRST I WANT TO BRIEF YOU ON THE KREE SITUATION. AND, SPECIFICALLY, HOW IT RELATES TO THE GOOD CAPTAIN.

THE KREE DECLARED MAR-VELL A TRAITOR AFTER THE KREE/SKRULL WAR, YES? HENCE HIS TIME ON EARTH?
YES. AND I WAS WORRIED THAT WHEN NEWS GOT OFF-WORLD ABOUT HIS RETURN, THE KREE--NOT KNOWING ABOUT THE TIME TRAVEL INVOLVED--MIGHT TRY TO BRING HIM IN, AND CAUSE AN INCIDENT.
HOWEVER, WHEN WE TRIED CONTACTING THE KREE HOMEWORLD, HALA, GALACTIC TELEMETRY SHOWED US THIS:
KREE SPACE IS SURROUNDED BY SOME SORT OF BUBBLE. WE HAVEN'T ENOUGH DATA ON IT YET TO KNOW WHAT IT IS OR WHY IT'S THERE.
BUT YOU KNOW ENOUGH TO KNOW COMMUNICATIONS AREN'T GOING THROUGH.
CORRECT. WHICH MEANS THE KREE SHOULD BE OUT OF OUR WAY FOR THE TIME BEING.
SO...
...WHAT DO YOU NEED ME TO DO?
YOU ARE STILL ON MAR-VELL DETAIL.
HE'S ADMITTED TO SUFFERING FROM AMNESIA, AND THE COMPUTERS SHOW HE IS CONTINUING HIS FIXATION WITH THAT CHARLES LEBRUN PAINTING.
SO IF I FIGURE OUT THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE TIME-TRAVELLING ALIEN SUPER HERO AND A 17TH-CENTURY FRENCHMAN, DO I WIN A PRIZE?
THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE YOU'D RATHER BE DOING?
I SHOULD BE WITH HIM. FACE TO FACE. I COULD LEARN MORE ABOUT HIM AND--
ACTUALLY, SOMEONE ELSE IS ALREADY FULFILLING THAT ROLE.

WHEN I FIRST SAW YOU AGAIN...
...FOR JUST A SECOND, I REMEMBERED WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO BE A NORMAL PERSON--WITHOUT POWERS, WITHOUT ANY SUPER ABILITIES.

I REMEMBERED WHAT WE LOOK LIKE TO THEM.
HOW AMAZING WE CAN SEEM.

YOU WERE ALWAYS AMAZING TO ME. EVEN BEFORE YOU WERE MS. MARVEL, YOU WERE CAROL DANVERS, THE WOMAN WHO HOUNDED ME UNTIL SHE LEARNED MY SECRET.
I... I LOVED YOU.

MAR-VELL... I'M SO SORRY.
I WASN'T EVEN IN THIS CORNER OF THE GALAXY WHEN YOU DIED. AND I AM SO SORRY.
IN THE YEARS SINCE THEN, I HAVE WISHED I COULD HAVE BEEN THERE-- I COULD HAVE TOLD YOU--
CAROL, IT--

NO, LISTEN. YOU'RE HERE NOW, AND--AS MUCH AS THE WORLD HAS CHANGED-- AS MUCH AS I'VE CHANGED SINCE THE LAST TIME I SAW YOU...

YOU ARE WHY I DO THIS, MAR-VELL.
WHEN YOU FIRST CAME TO EARTH--WHEN I WAS STILL CAROL DANVERS AND NOT MS. MARVEL--I SAW HOW YOU DEALT WITH HUMANITY AND OUR TROUBLES AND IT INSPIRED ME.
IT MADE ME STAND UP AND SAY THAT I WAS GOING TO HELP THE WORLD BE A BETTER PLACE.
I WOULDN'T BE WHO I AM--WHERE I AM--WITHOUT YOU TO INSPIRE ME.
THANK YOU.
THE AVENGERS--THE WHOLE WORLD, REALLY--IS FACING A THREAT THAT, WELL, TO BE HONEST--
--IT'S SOMETHING I'M NOT SURE WE CAN HANDLE WITHOUT SOME SERIOUS BACKUP.
I NEED YOUR HELP, MAR-VELL. YOU'VE GOT THE HISTORY AND THE--
HELP YOU HOW?
I WANT YOU TO JOIN THE AVENGERS. I NEED YOU TO HELP ME--
CAROL, I CAN'T.
YOU HAVEN'T EVEN HEARD WHY--
BWAAZ
AP

MAR-VELL!
MAR-VELL, ARE YOU OKAY?
WHAT HAPPENED...? WHAT--
UNNNFF!
BWAZAP!
COBALT MAN!
YOU TOOK A BIT MORE OF A PUNCH THAN I WAS EXPECTING. YOU'RE STRONGER THAN I--
SHUT UP!
FASTER, TOO. INTERESTING. NOW THINGS MAKE MORE SENSE.
WHAT IS THIS, COBALT MAN? WHY ARE YOU HERE?

FZAAK
I DON'T GET IT--I SHOULD BE ABLE TO ABSORB THIS LOSER'S ENERGY BLASTS--
--SO HOW DID HE HURT ME JUST NOW?
KRAAM
THE CONFUSION SEEMS MUTUAL. HE SAID I AM MORE POWERFUL THAN HE EXPECTED.
HE'S A LOT MORE ALIVE THAN I EXPECTED.
DIE! DIE! DIE!
EVERYONE DIES TODAY!
WHABOOM!

YOU EXPECTED HIM TO BE DEAD?
HE WAS IN THE FIGHT AT STAMFORD--HE DIED WHEN THE NEW WARRIORS DID.
SO WHY IS HE HERE NOW?
BECAUSE THERE ISN'T A SINGLE EVIL IDIOT IN TIGHTS WHO KNOWS HOW TO STAY DEAD.
YIKES!
WELL, I SUPPOSE WE WILL WORRY ABOUT IT LATER. FOR NOW...
...WE WILL PUT HIM DOWN!
KRUNCH!

LOOKS LIKE HE'S OUT COLD.
SO, ANY IDEA WHY COBALT MAN, OF ALL PEOPLE, WOULD BE COMING AFTER YOU?
NO MORE THAN YOU HAVE AN IDEA AS TO WHY HE IS ALIVE.
WELL, TO BE FAIR, EVERYONE INVOLVED WITH THIS FIGHT HAS BEEN DEAD AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER.
HEH.
SOME THINGS NEVER CHANGE, DO THEY? I ALWAYS ENJOYED THE SOUND OF A HAPPY CROWD CALLING MY NAME. DOES THAT MAKE ME VAIN?
IF IT DOES, THEN THAT'S ONE SIN EVERYBODY IS GUILTY OF.
WHERE DOES ONE TAKE SUPER-POWERED VILLAINS THESE DAYS?
THE RAFT. IT'S SORT OF LIKE THE VAULT USED TO BE, BUT CLOSER.
FOLLOW ME, I'LL SHOW YOU WHERE IT IS.
CAPTAIN MARVEL! YOU RULE!
MS. MARVEL! YEAH!
THAT WAS SO COOL!
ARE YOU GUYS GONNA GET MARRIED?
IT'S CAPTAIN MARVEL! HE'S BACK! HE'S REALLY BACK!
I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST A SPECIAL EFFECT OR SUMP'N!
THE PLAN HAS FAILED. AGAIN.
THEN WE TRY AGAIN.
PERHAPS A NEW TACTIC IS IN ORDER.

CHURCH OF HALA. MANHATTAN.
NOBODY CARES ABOUT A CULT, MY ASS...
...AND HE DID COME BACK TO US!
BUT OUR WORK FOR HIM HAS NOT YET BEGUN!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO FOR HIM, MOTHER STARR?
WHAT CAN WE DO?!
FOR NOW, WE MUST GROW OUR NUMBERS.
AND WE MUST TELL HIM THAT WE ARE HERE, WAITING FOR HIM!
THAT WE ARE [redacted] TO [redacted] AS HE SEES FIT!

DID YOU THINK I DIDN'T SEE YOU, NATHAN?
LAST TIME I CAUGHT YOU IN MY OFFICE I POINTED A GUN AT YOU.
YOU'RE QUITE LUCKY I'VE GROWN AS A PERSON SINCE THEN.
YOU HAVE THIRTY SECONDS TO GET OUT OF THIS CHURCH, OR I CALL THE POLICE.
THEN I'LL ASK MY QUESTIONS QUICKLY.
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS, JULIA? YOU HAVE MORE MONEY AT YOUR DISPOSAL THAN SOME PEOPLE CAN EVEN IMAGINE.
THERE IS MORE TO LIFE THAN MONEY, BEDDING THE NEXT MOVIE STAR I MEET, OR GETTING MY PICTURE IN AS MANY MAGA--
SO YOU HAD A SPIRITUAL AWAKENING AND NOW HERE YOU ARE, LEADING A CULT. IS THAT THE STORY?
WE ARE NOT A CULT! WE ARE--
NOT A RELIGION, EITHER. THROWING ON SOME ROBES AND PREACHING TWISTED VERSIONS OF--
YOUR TIME IS UP! GET OUT OF MY OFFICE, NOW! GET OUT!
GUARDS!
GET HIM OUT!
IS THERE A PROBLEM, MOTHER STARR?
SOMETHING YOU NEED US TO... DEAL WITH?

DIRECTOR STARK WOULD HAVE MY ASS IF HE KNEW WE WERE DOING THIS.
BUT MAR-VELL CALLED AND ASKED STARK FOR A MEETING AT THE HELICARRIER...
...SO WE'RE GONNA HAVE A QUICK GLANCE AND THEN GET OUT. NOBODY TOUCH A THING. YOU'RE JUST HERE TO SERVE AS EXTRA EYEBALLS FOR ME. SEE THINGS I MISS. UNDERSTAND?
OKAY...SO MAR-VELL CLOSED THE BLINDS, DISCONNECTED HIS COMPUTER AND MOVED ALL THE FURNITURE AROUND. WHY?
AGENT SANTE... THE FLOOR...WHAT IS ALL THIS?
KRSSTL
I--OH, WOW. IS THAT...?
OKAY, SCREW THE FLASHLIGHTS. I NEED SOME REAL ILLUMINATION. BENJAMIN--GET THE LIGHTS ON IN HERE.

WHAT THE HELL...?

DIRECTOR STARK, INCOMING ENERGY SIGNATURE, VECTOR BETA-4.
I HAVE IT.
DIRECTOR STARK, DO YOU NEED--
ALL UNITS STAND DOWN. I SAID I HAVE IT.
TONY? WHAT IS IT? WHAT DID YOU--
WHY DID YOU DO IT, MAR-VELL?
HOW DID YOU DO IT?
DO WHAT? I--
HOW DID YOU CONTACT THE KREE?
WHY WOULD YOU EVEN ASK--
THAT IS A KREE STARSHIP FLYING TOWARDS US RIGHT NOW.
WE RECEIVED NOTIFICATION OF THEIR ARRIVAL FIVE MINUTES AGO AS THEY PASSED THE MOON.
THEY SAID YOU CALLED THEM, AND THAT YOU WERE TURNING YOURSELF IN FOR CRIMES COMMITTED AGAINST THE KREE EMPIRE DURING THE KREE-SKRULL WAR.
MADNESS! I NEVER--
YOU CONTACTED ME, TONY.
IF YOU DIDN'T CALL THEM, THEN HOW DID YOU KNOW TO BE HERE NOW? AT THE LOCATION THEY SAID YOU REQUESTED?
YOU ASKED ME TO COME TO THE HELICARRIER IMMEDIATELY. YOU SAID IT WAS AN EMERGENCY AND--
I DID NO SUCH THING.

KILL THEM! KILL THEM BOTH!
WE ONLY NEED MAR-VELL'S CORPSE FOR THE GLORY OF THE EMPIRE! NOTHING MORE!
TO BE CONTINUED...